(b) whether the State Government has requested the Centre for more funds for 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Government of India has the following schemes:

(i) Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration Farms located in different agro-climatic zones in the country and I Central Fodder Seed Production Farm at Hesserghatta, Bangalore. These farms are engaged in multiplication of newly evolved varieties of fodder and grasses seeds, organizing training programmes on fodder crops and conducting fodder demonstrations at farmer's fields.

(ii) Central Miniket Testing Programme under which fodder kits are supplied to the farmers through State Governments free of cost.

During 9th plan, the Government of Karnataka was released an amount of Rs. 105.00 lakhs, Rs. 126.00 lakhs and Rs. 93.00 lakhs in the year of 1997-98, 1998-99 and 2000-2001 respectively.

(b) Yes Sir, Government of Karnataka has requested the centre for release of Rs. 86.75 lakhs during 2001-2002 for feed and fodder development. This amount could not be released due to non-furnishing of fund utilization certificate for earlier release of Rs. 93.00 lakhs.

Encouraging Agricultural Research

†3961. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to encourage agricultural research and inventigation in the country;

(b) if so, the details of annual percentage of expenditure being incurred by Government and private sector for agricultural research and investigation;

(c) whether this amount is sufficient for above work; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of annual percentage of expenditure incurred by Department of Agricultural Research and Education/Indian Council of Agricultural Research are as under:—

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crore) (Plan & Non-Plan)	Agril. DGP	%age Share of public expenditure to total Agril GDP.
1998-99	1006.19	469340	0.214
1999-2000	1211.94	493988	0.245
2000-01	1404.50	477398	0.294

However, the Department does not have any control over private sector.

(c) and (d) Though the Department has proposed Rs. 1500 crore as Annual Plan outlay for 2002-03 and Rs. 200 crore as catch up Grant, the Planning Commission has approved Rs. 775 crore only. Further, in order to make the country globally competitive to cope with the WTO regime, the Department is in the process of proposing Rs. 520 crore as additional amount to undertake research in core areas viz., bio-technology; bio-diversity; pest, disease and weed management; bio-systematics as well as first rate human resource development. The Department is consistently pursuing this issue with the Planning Commission for enhanced allocation.

Post Harvest Marketing Infrastructure for agricultural products

3962. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps of develop the post-harvest marketing infrastructure for agricultural products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would take any steps to enhance the marketing of coconut and coffee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?